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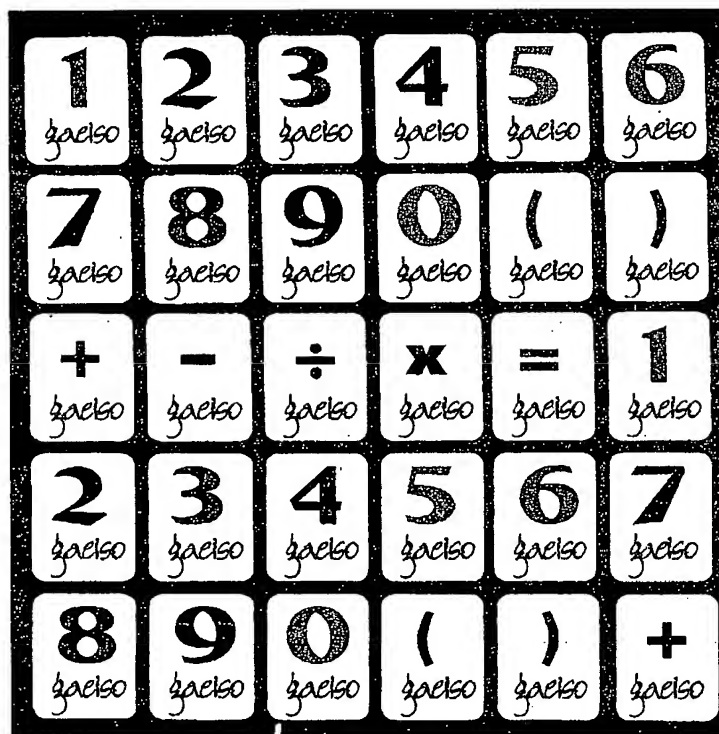
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(57) Abstract: Educational games are provided that include a plurality of sets of tiles or cards or an electronic version thereof, where each tile or card contains a number, a letter of an alphabet, a mathematical symbol or any other symbol that can be used in a mathematical equations, a word, a chemical symbol representing an element of the Periodic Table, or a plurality of letters representing a chemical group, such as an alkyl group. Also provided are methods of playing these games, such as, by each player taking turns to lay down equations or sentences, and methods of making the game set.



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X	US 5,314,190 A (LYONS) 24 May 1994 (24.05.1994), Entire document.	1-2, 7-10, 17-18, 20-21
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

### 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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**Box No. I Basis of this opinion**

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- ☐ a sequence listing
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4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>14-15</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-13 &amp; 17-21</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-15 &amp; 17-21</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-15 &amp; 17-21</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-13 & 17-21 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Crisswell (937).

Crisswell discloses a Mathematical Game which teaches the limitations of the above claims.

Claims 1-2, 7-10, 17-18 & 20-21 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Lyons (190).

Lyons discloses a Mathematical Game which teaches the limitations of the above claims.

Claims 14-15 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Crisswell (937) in view of Rhemm (790). Crisswell and Rhemm in combination teach the limitations of these claims.

Claims 1-15 & 17-21 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4) and thus can be made or used in industry.